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Remarks

Restriction to one of the following groups of claims was required under 35 U.S.C.

Section 121:

Group I: Claims 1-8 and 38, said to be drawn to a wafer, classified in class 257, subclass 797, but actually termed a deposition system.

Group II: Claims 9 - 19, drawn to a method, classified in class 438, subclass 761.

Group III: Claims 20 - 33, drawn to an IC, classified in class 257, subclass 314.

Group IV: Claims 34 - 37, drawn to a transistor, classified in class 257, subclass 347.

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